



General Assembly

## ***Amendment***

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To: Subst. House Bill No. **5324**

File No. 624

Cal. No. 394

***"AN ACT INCREASING THE MINIMUM AMOUNT OF ASSETS  
THAT MAY BE RETAINED BY THE SPOUSE OF AN  
INSTITUTIONALIZED PERSON."***

1 Strike everything after the enacting clause and substitute the  
2 following in lieu thereof:

3 "Section 1. (NEW) (*Effective January 1, 2015*) (a) For purposes of this  
4 section:

5 (1) "Institutionalized spouse" has the same meaning as provided in  
6 42 USC 1396r-5(h)(1).

7 (2) "Community spouse" has the same meaning as provided in 42  
8 USC 1396r-5(h)(2).

9 (3) "Minimum community spouse protected amount" means the  
10 minimum amount of assets a community spouse of an institutionalized  
11 spouse may keep pursuant to 42 USC 1396r-5(f)(2).

12 (b) The Commissioner of Social Services shall amend the Medicaid  
13 state plan in accordance with federal law to set the minimum  
14 community spouse protected amount at fifty thousand dollars.

15 (c) Not later than January 1, 2016, the commissioner shall report on  
16 the fiscal impact of the minimum community spouse protected  
17 amount, in accordance with the provisions of section 11-4a of the  
18 general statutes, to the joint standing committees of the General  
19 Assembly having cognizance of matters relating to human services and  
20 appropriations and the budgets of state agencies. Such report shall  
21 include, but not be limited to: (1) The number of community spouses  
22 who were able to keep additional assets as a result of the increase in  
23 the minimum community spouse protected amount pursuant to  
24 subsection (b) of this section; and (2) the cost to the state of increasing  
25 said amount.

26 (d) The commissioner shall adopt regulations, in accordance with  
27 the provisions of chapter 54 of the general statutes, to implement the  
28 provisions of this section."

This act shall take effect as follows and shall amend the following sections:		
Section 1	January 1, 2015	New section